

## Why We Teach The Bible Sunday, August 25, 2024

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

**Big Idea:** Life in Christ is only found in the **teaching** of the Word of God.

### 1. We Teach the Bible Because It Alone Contains the **Power** of God:

**1 Corinthians 1:18-19:** “For the message of the cross is **foolishness** to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: ‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.’”

The power of our message is in the Gospel, and without it, we have nothing of **eternal value** to offer.

### 2. We Teach the Bible Because Human **Wisdom** Alone Cannot Lead Us to God:

**1 Corinthians 1:20-21:** “Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made **foolish** the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who **believe**.”

The world, with all its **intellectual** efforts, cannot arrive at the knowledge of God on its own.

### 3. We Teach the Bible Because It Reveals The **Scandal** of Preaching Christ Crucified:

**1 Corinthians 1:22-25:** “Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a **stumbling** block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the **power** of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.”

In a world that exalts self-reliance, achievement, and intellectual prowess, the message of the cross remains a shocking and **scandalous** truth that many still find hard to accept.